

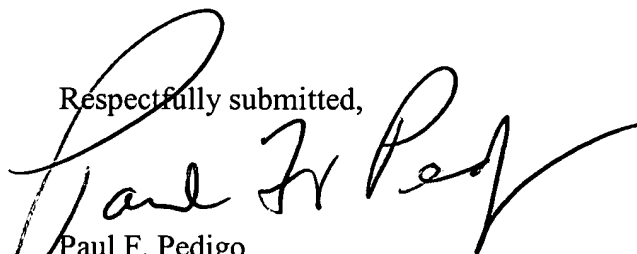
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant hereby confirms the election of the claims of Group I, which are Claims 1 through 12, in response to the telephone restriction requirement of September 14, 2004. Claims 13 through 21 are cancelled as nonelected. Applicant hereby submits a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejections of Claims 1 through 12 based on obviousness-type double patenting. In view of the terminal disclaimer, all pending Claims 1 through 12 should now be in condition for immediate allowance and an early indication of the allowability of these claims is hereby solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

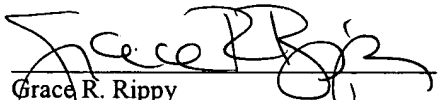


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